

Regular Meeting

Agenda Item #	3
Meeting Date	14 May 2007
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Endorsing Safe Routes to School Application
Background	<p>The Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) is accepting applications for the second year of the federal grant program – Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – for projects designed to increase the number of children who walk and bike to school and improve the safety of those doing so.</p> <p>The City of Takoma Park received \$149,500 in funding in the first round of the SRTS grant for infrastructure projects and programming for safety, education and encouragement to walk/bike to school.</p> <p>The proposed program components for the application for Safe Routes to School funding were developed in partnership with the community and reviewed by the Council at the May 7 worksession. It was met with the general approval of the Council.</p> <p>The City proposes to apply for additional SRTS funding for the following eligible projects. If approved, the following projects would be completed within the 24-month grant period (October 2007 - October 2009):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extension of the previously funded SRTS programming; 2. Installation of a sidewalk on Piney Branch Road between Philadelphia Avenue and Holly Avenue. 3. Undertaking of a comprehensive missing sidewalk study involving community workshops, design and engineering; install new sidewalk on selected sites. <p>The attached resolution authorizes the City Manager to submit the application, execute documents, and take any action necessary to implement the program if funded.</p>
Policy	To support a hierarchy of sidewalks, paths, and bikeways connecting to parks, schools, shops, and other public facilities. <i>-Takoma Park Master Plan</i>
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution Endorsing Safe Routes to School Application
Recommendation	To approve accompanying resolution.
Special Consideration	The proposed application is due May 18, 2007.

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Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution #2007-

RESOLUTION ENDORSING SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for pedestrian safety improvements, especially concerning school children; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park City Council supports improving pedestrian safety through safety programs and infrastructure improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) through Safe Routes to School or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide all of the financing for the Projects (the "Project Financing") in order to assist in making them financially feasible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland, hereby endorses the Safe Routes to School program application and the request in the form of a grant; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is authorized to submit the application for funding, execute documents, and take any action necessary to implement the program if funded.

Adopted this ____ day of _____ 2007.